

TOWN OF STANTONSBURG

DATE: December 12, 2016

Mayor William Edmundson called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The following Council members were present: Powell Dew, Jr., Donald Bass and Ken D. Horne. Also present were Town Clerk Tabitha Bailey, Deloris Drummond and Colely Rhodes of the Appearance Committee. Police Chief Orlando Rosario and Officer Daughtry were also present. Councilwoman Jackie Grice and Town Manager Gary Davis were absent due to illness.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Prayer: Jeff Reddick led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ken D. Horne opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Approve minutes for November 2016 Meetings: Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the November meeting, called meeting, and closed session minutes. With a second from Councilman Bass, all Council members voted in favor of the motion.

B. Financial Report:

Receipts \$327,002.76 Disbursements \$210,055.12 Difference \$116,947.64

MMB: Councilman Horne made a motion, with a second by Councilman Dew, to approve the Financial Report. All Council members voted in favor of the motion.

C. Invoices for Payment: Total: \$23,212.35

Councilman Dew made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. With a second by Councilman Horne, all Council members present voted favorably.

D. Public Present: There were approximately 8 members of the public present.

At this time, Martin Amerson with Carr Riggs and Ingram gave a review of the Town's audit. Mr. Amerson made the Council aware of a correction on page 4.4 in the audit manual that was found by Councilman Dew. Corrected copies were passed out to the Board members. After careful review Mr. Amerson stated that the Town's audit was very good and that the Town had done a good job staying on budget.

Mayor Edmundson stated that, if there were no objections, the Board would at this time address the issue of the seal building preservation. Councilman Bass made the motion to approve the engineer's drawings and look forward to preserving the façade of the seal building. With a second by Councilman Horne, all members voted favorably.

E. Police Report: The Council reviewed the monthly police report. Chief Rosario informed the Council that the Police Department had (2) Governor Highway Safety Program

checkpoints in the month of November. Chief Rosario gave copies of several different types of equipment to the Board. The items on these handouts totaled \$2,005.96 and the Stantonsburg Police Department acquired them for \$25.00, saving the Town \$1,980.96.

The Chief of Police then addressed the outcome of the Stantonsburg Christmas Parade. Chief Rosario stated that all went well. The parade lasted approximately 50 minutes and that he is prepared to make it even better next year. Chief Rosario made it known that, next year he would like to look into getting some sort of sponsorship to help with funding for the parade. He also thanked Mrs. Marie Edmundson for being such a big help and stated that he could not have done it without her.

Chief Rosario informed the Town Council that the Stantonsburg Police Department is looking at taking (5) individual kids to Wal-Mart on December 17th. The Police Department will be spending \$200.00 on each child to provide them with something for Christmas. These funds will be coming from the Shop With a Cop Program.

Police Chief Rosario then brought a final quote for a state surplus vehicle before the Board in the amount of \$23,276.

F. Parks & Rec: N/A

G. Appearance Committee: Mrs. Colely Rhodes stated that they will be meeting again after the first of the year and that the Appearance Committee will be submitting a drawing for the empty corner lot on Main St. and Commercial Ave. The Appearance Committee is also in the process of putting out mulch and rocks across the street from the Town Hall.

H. Stantonsburg/Moyton Fire Dept.: N/A

J. EMS: N/A

I. Town Managers Report: The Town Manager's report was given by Mayor Edmundson. The situation with Saratoga and the troublesome manhole and adjacent sewer lines is being worked out between the attorneys, engineers, and the Town Manager.

At this time, (2) extension requests were brought before the Board for their approval. Councilman Horne made a motion to grant the extension requests. With a second by Councilman Bass, all members voted in favor of the motion.

K. Councilman Horne: Councilman Horne asked that the Town workers replace the basketball net at the park on one of the goals.

L. Councilman Bass: Councilman Bass took this time to thank the public for coming out and sharing their thoughts and concerns.

M. Councilman Dew: Councilman Dew stated that the Board needs to have someone take Robert Watson's place signing the Town's checks. Mr. Dew informed the Council that it is not always convenient for him to come by and sign checks.

N. Councilwoman Grice: N/A

O. Mayor: Mayor Edmundson asked for suggestions on better ways to notify the public about news and upcoming events. It was suggested that some type of board be placed beside the Town Hall with monthly updates. Also, placing handouts in prominent places around Town was another suggestion.

At this time, the Town Council reviewed the holidays and meeting dates for 2017. Councilman Horne made a motion to approve the holidays and meeting dates for 2017 as presented. With a second by Councilman Bass, all members voted favorably.

Councilman Horne made a motion to go into closed session to discuss land acquisition. With a second by Councilman Bass, all members voted favorably.

Mayor Edmundson declared the meeting back into open session at approximately 9:00. Councilman Horne made a motion to accept Mr. Speight's offer to purchase the seal building located on Main Street for the purchase price of \$9,000. Councilman Dew seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Councilman Dew made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Horne seconded the motion with all other members present voting favorably.

Respectfully submitted,

Tabitha E. Bailey, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

William H. Edmundson, Mayor

